

THE ABILITY TO BLUSH

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Intro. -

Jer. 8:12

I. Kinds of Blushes

- A. Caused by guilt or shame
- B. Caused by modesty or embarrassment
- C. Caused by confusion or surprise

II. The Ability to Blush

- A. The physical nature of a blush
 1. Shows the influence of the passions and emotions on the nervous system & circulation of blood
 2. A temporary paralysis of the blood vessels in the internal organs of the body causes a rush of blood into the capillary vessels of the skin on the face.
- B. The ability to blush then shows a capacity for the physical heart to be influenced by spiritual emotions.
(Ezra 9:6)

III. The Inability to Blush
A. Shows the hardness of heart which cannot be influenced by spiritual means.

1. No sense of guilt or shame when sin is present.

v. 12 A - (Crimsey Report)

2. No response to the moral law of God or the word of God.

3. Examples of hardness of heart in the Bible.

(A) Pharaoh - Ex. 8:15

(B) Children of Israel - Heb. 3:8, 10

B. Judgment shall be visited upon all those who have no ability to blush because of their sin.

1. v. 12 b

2. Prov. 29:1, "he that being of his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy."